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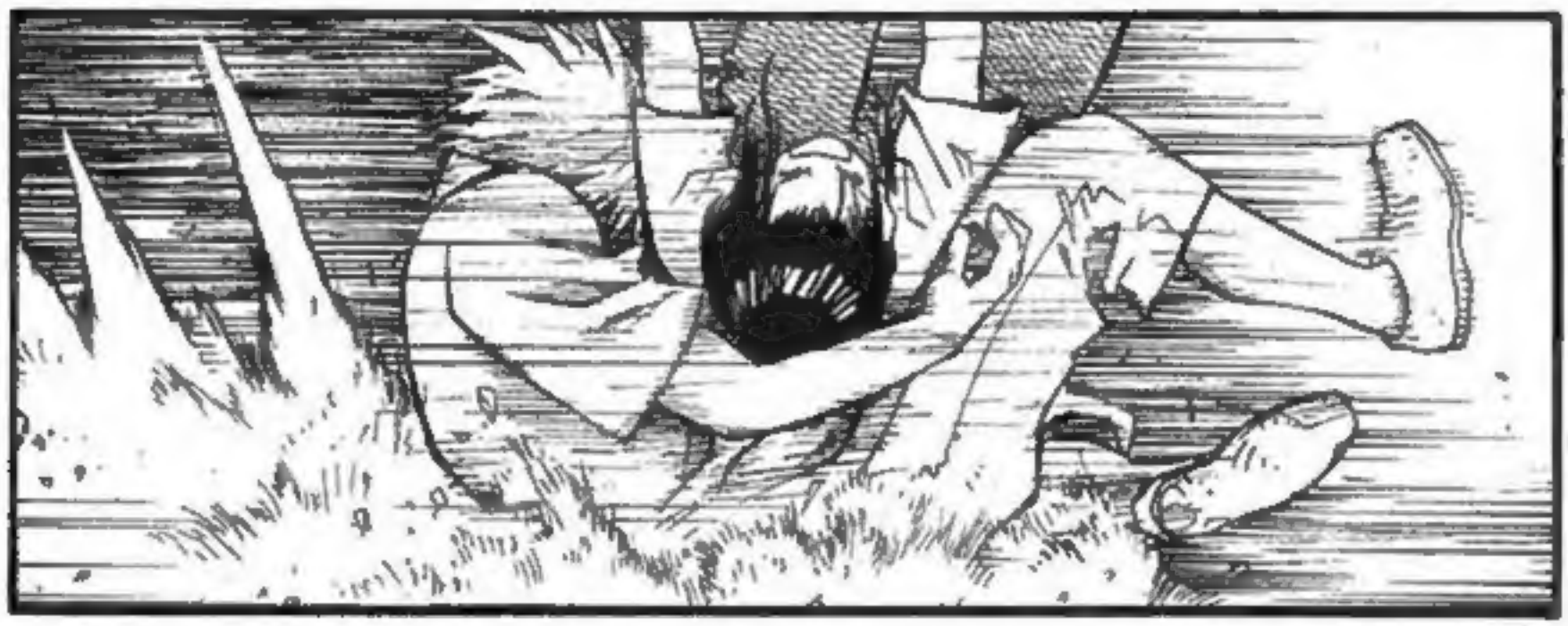

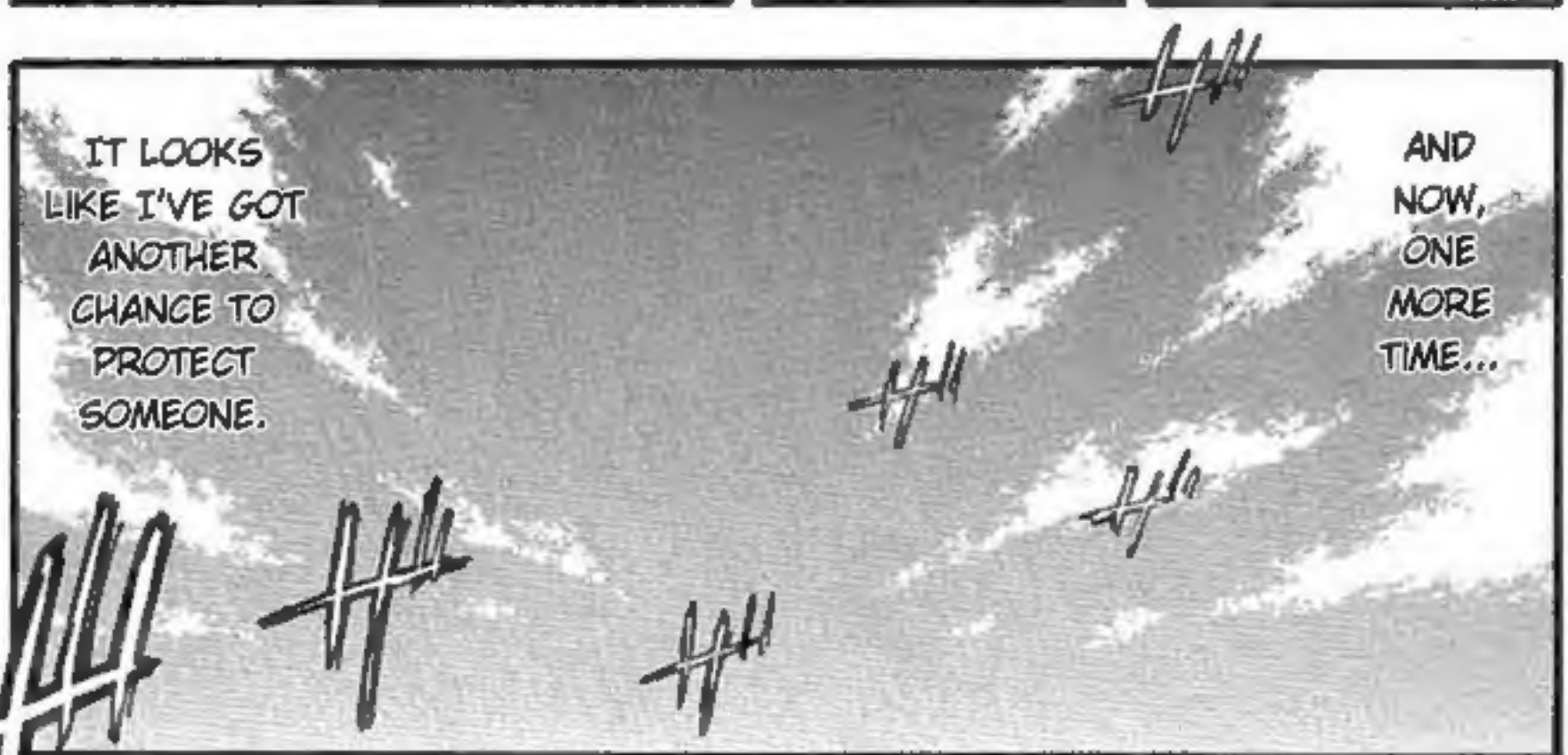

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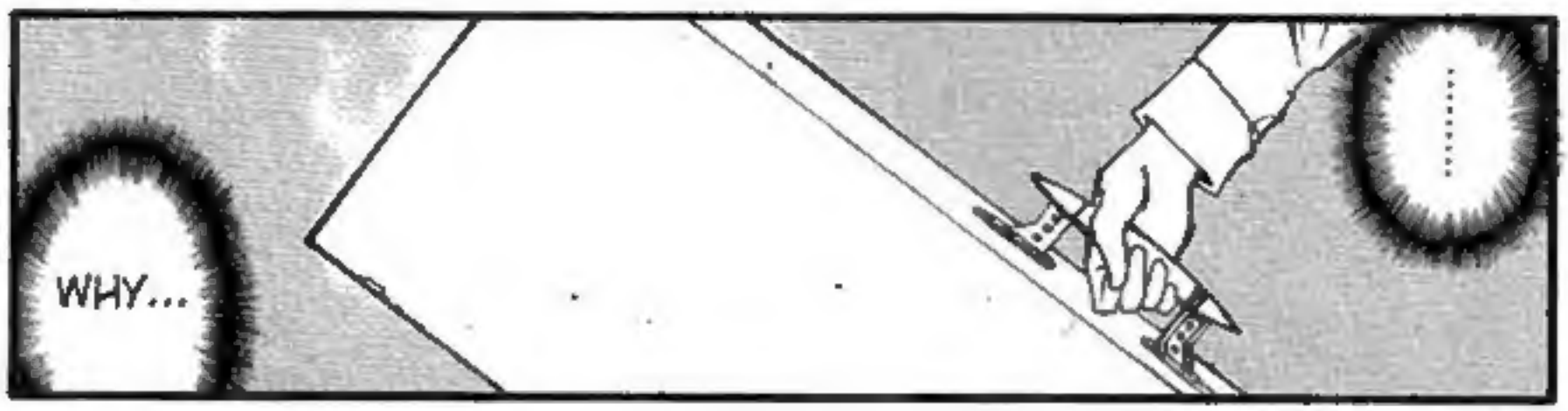


THAT ISN'T REALLY THE IMPORTANT THING HERE.

NO... FORGET IT.

DOES SHE PLAN TO KILL ME?

ALL THIS TIME ...

... ... SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR ME!!

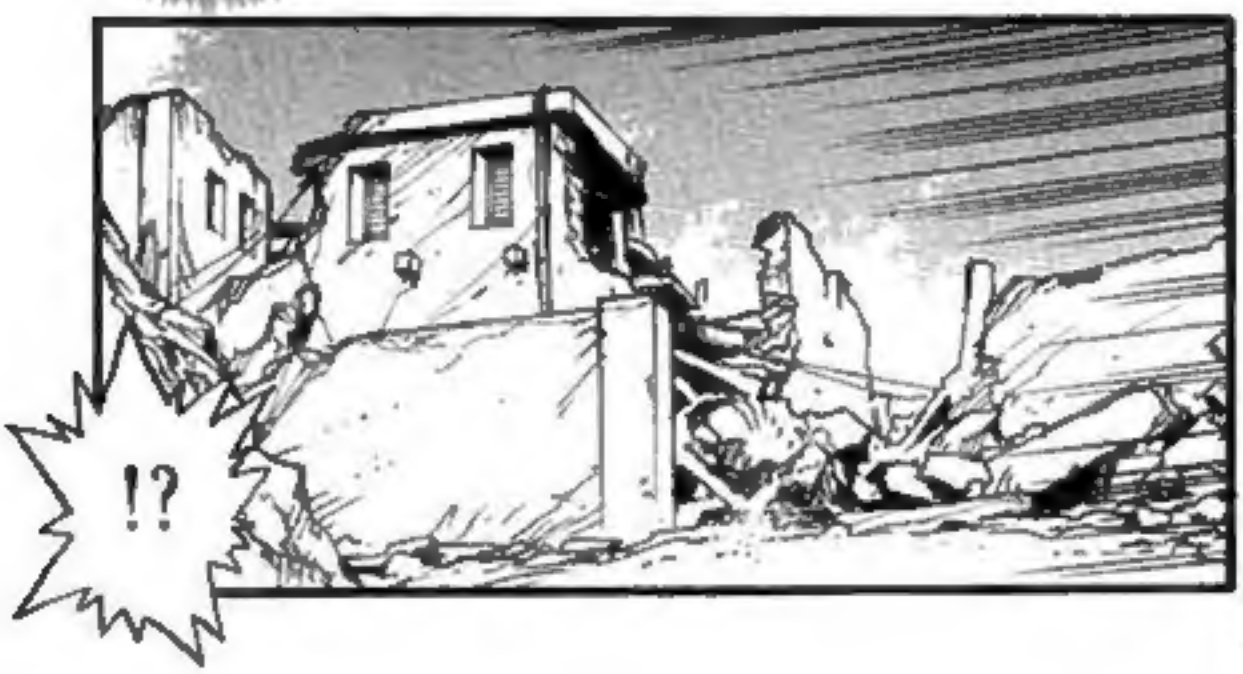
SOME-
THING'S
WRONG.

...CH!
HWA-HA-HAHA HAHA~!

CE
TRY!

NIH..

IN ORDER TO SURPRISE HER OPPONENTS WITH ATTACKS FROM THE SKY...!!
COULD THAT GUN SHE'S CARRYING BE A FAKE?!
SHE'S SCARY, ALRIGHT ...


!?

SHE SHOT THAT THING?
BUT A SECOND AGO, SHE WAS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?!

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...YES.

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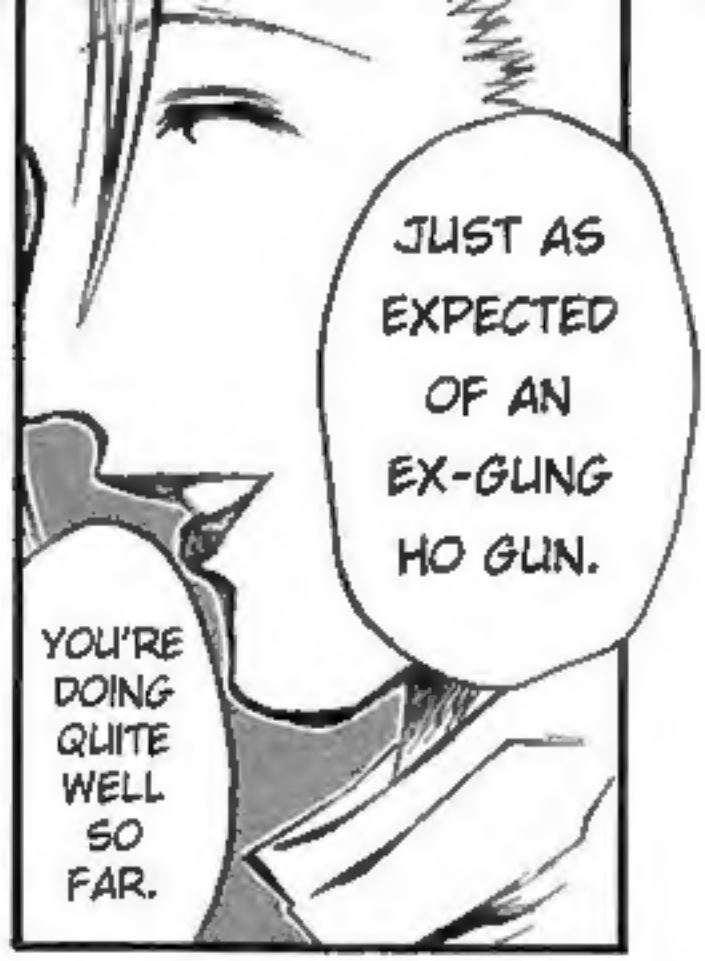
--IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY, HO-WE-VER...


YOU'RE DOING QUITE WELL SO FAR.
JUST AS EXPECTED OF AN EX-GUNG HO GUN.

YOU'VE BECOME MUCH TOO TENDER, HONEY.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY, IT'LL BE USELESS.

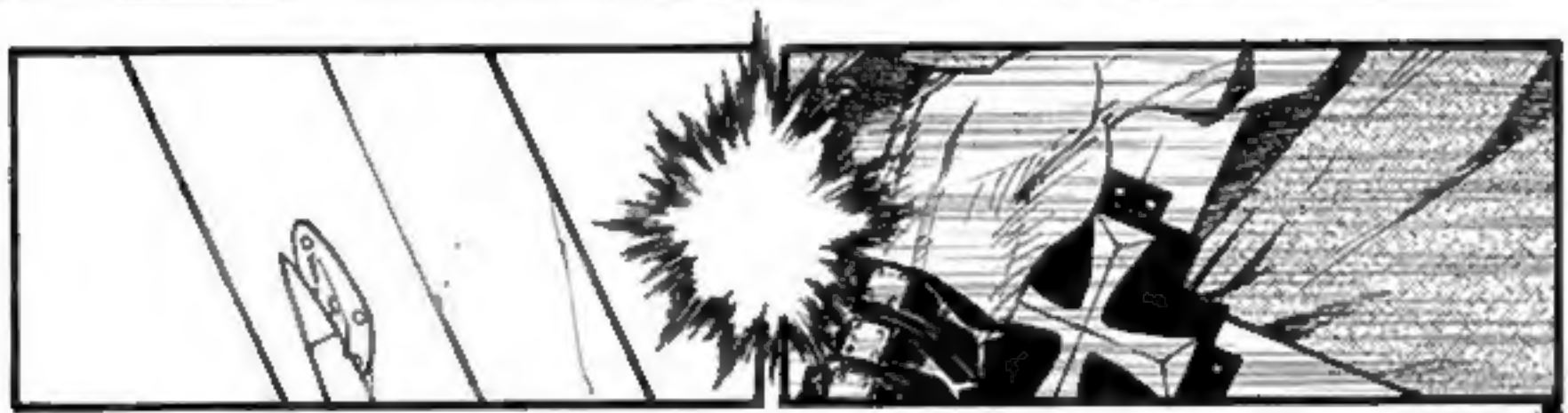
YOU, SEE...NICE, GENTLE MEN REALLY AREN'T MY TYPE. I HATE THEM.
SO THEN... WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIE ALREADY ?

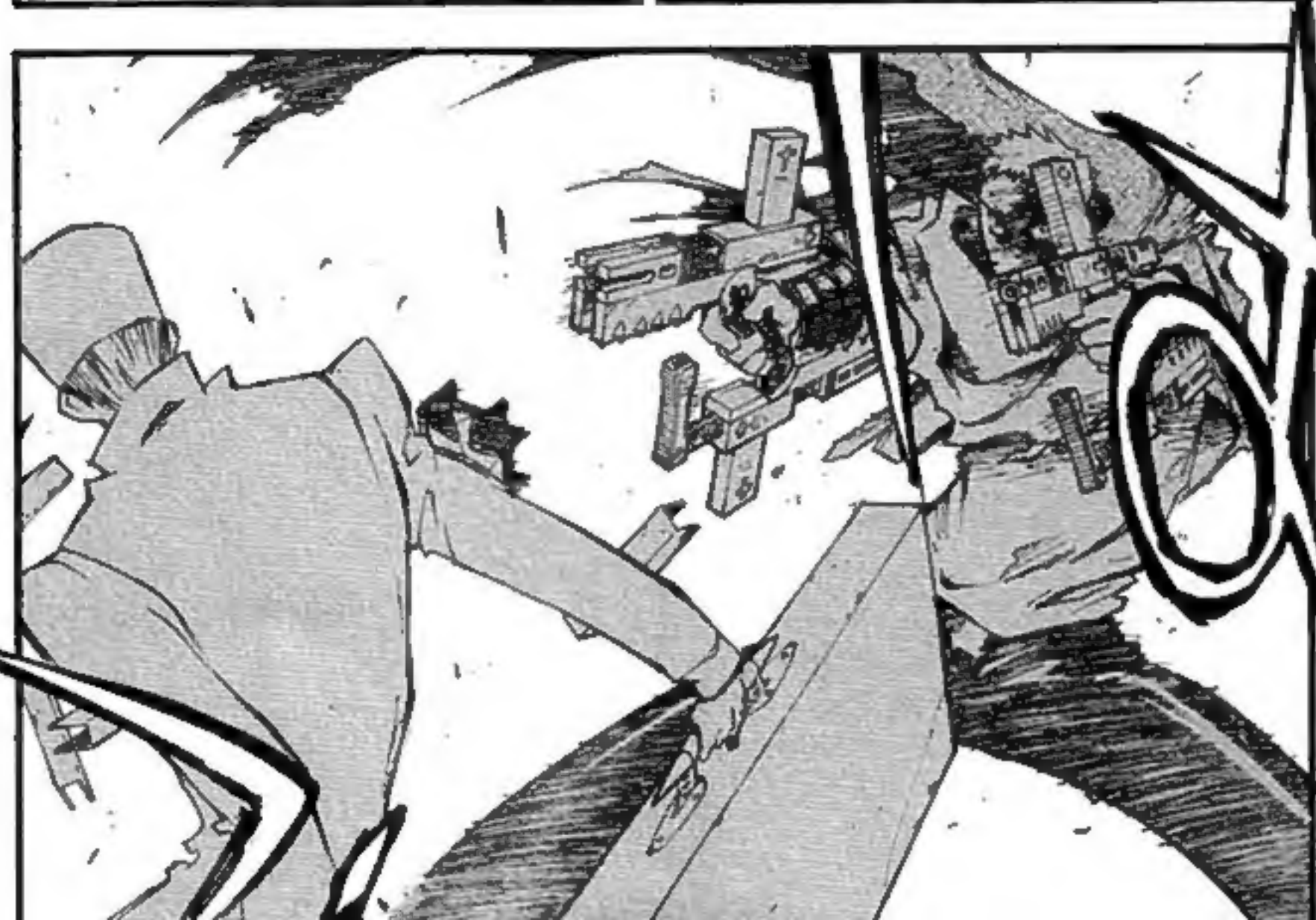
EVEN AFTER I GREW TO LIKE THAT "NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE" ATTITUDE OF YOURS...
WHAT A WASTE.

DID YOU FIND SOMEONE TO PROTECT OR SOME-THING?
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING A PEACEFUL WAY OF LIVING?

"HE" WAS THE SAME WAY, WASN'T HE?

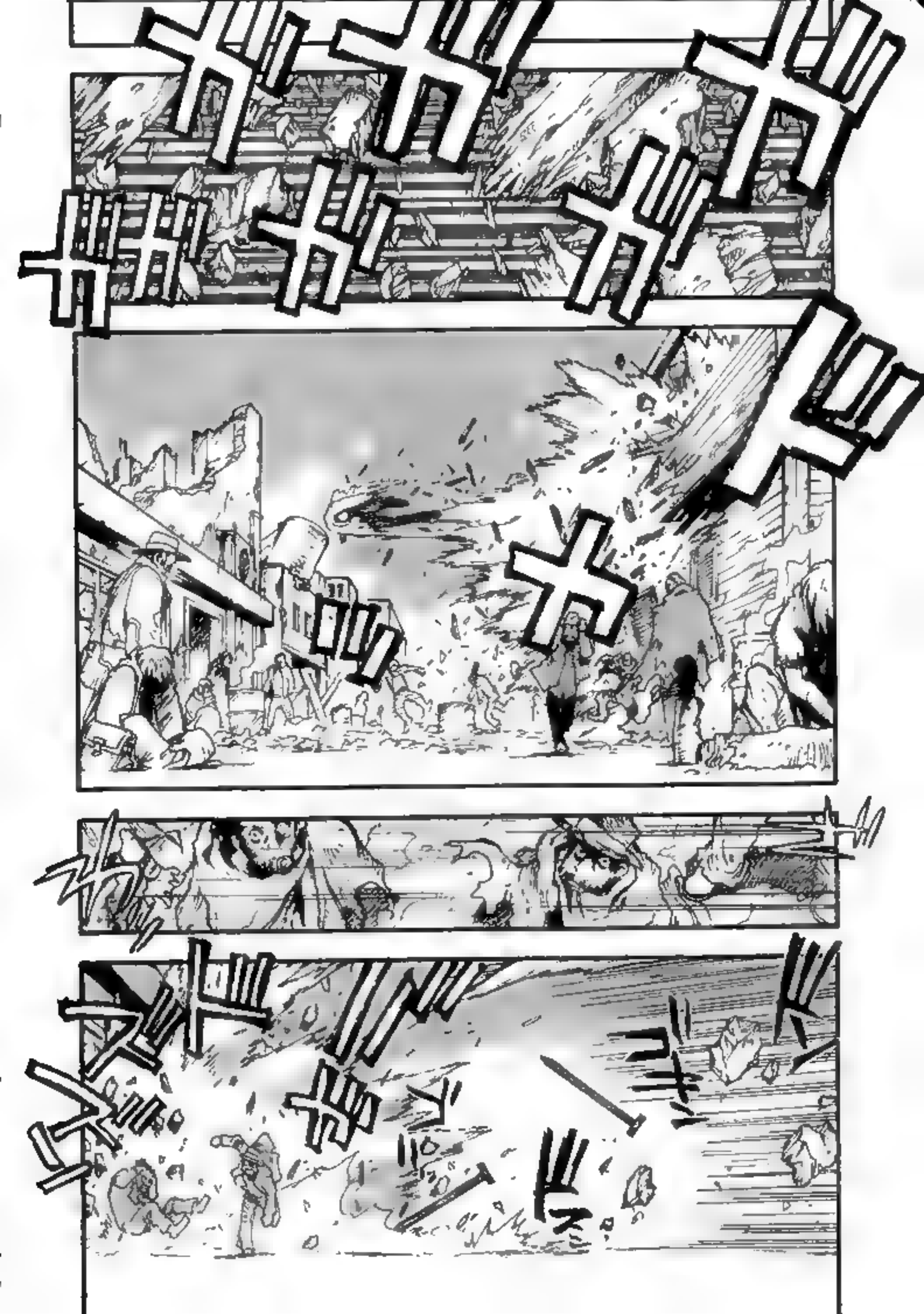
THAT'S THE REASON HE DIED SUCH A PREMATURE DEATH.





OOH...

HAVE I FINALLY EXCITED YOU?



YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY TERRIBLE.

TERRIBLE.

SIGH...

HE DIDN'T COME RUSHING AT ME AGAIN, LIKE THOSE SUICIDE DIVES BEFORE. WHAT'S HE PLANNING?

BUT SOMETHING'S CHANGED.

I FIGURED HE WAS SIMPLY LETTING EVERYTHING GO ON PURPOSE, BECAUSE HE KNEW DEATH WAS INEVITABLE.

COME ON ALREADY

OR COULD IT BE... THAT JUST NOW?

OVER THAT QUICKLY ..?

OOOH!!!

HEY COME ON, WHAT ARE YA DOIN'?! THIS IS A FIGHT, GET YER ASS UP DUMMY!!

.....

WE WON'T DIE THAT EASILY.
"WE" WILL SURVIVE... THROUGH ANYTHING.

I WON'T ...
...DIE THAT EASILY.

..THEN.

WELL ..

OH?

THINGS WON'T BE GOING THE WAY YOU GUYS PLAN FOR MUCH LONGER.

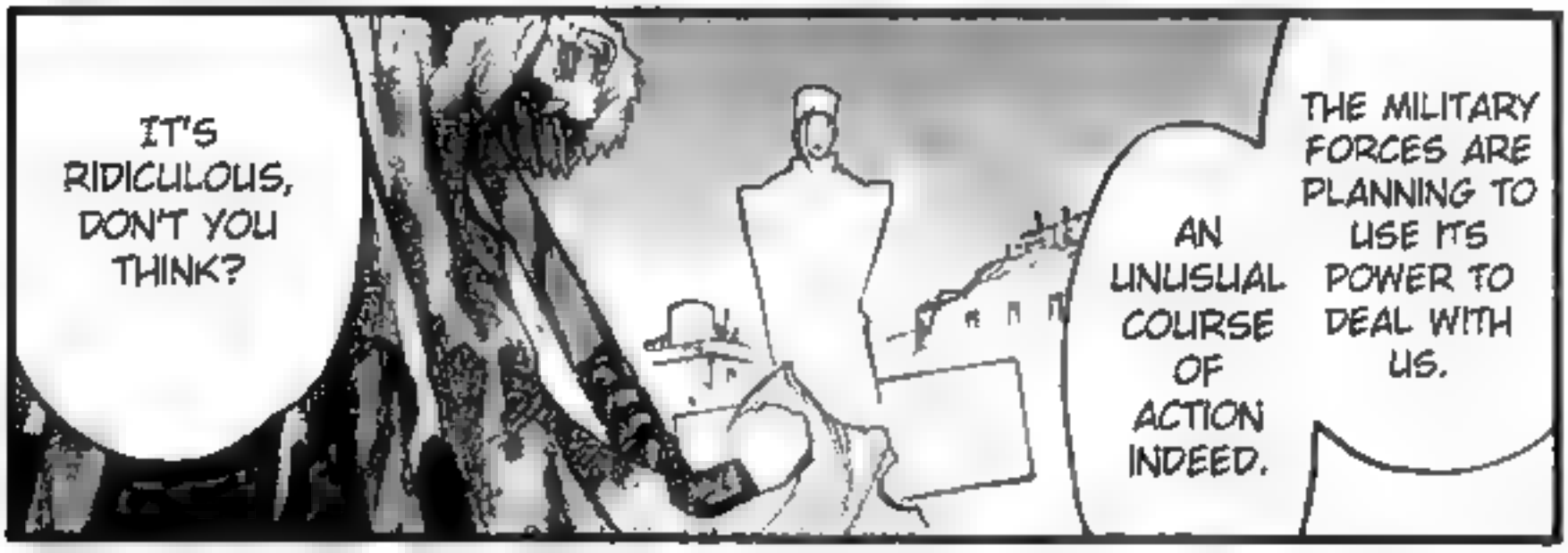
AND, SINCE "THAT MAN" REMAINS...

I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO MORE...

NEED FOR YOU TO LIVE.

HIE!!
CROWD: LWAAAAHH!!
FOR EXAMPLE... THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE.
I DON'T CARE WHAT "VASH THE STAMPEDE" IS DOING...
ONLY A TRUE IDIOT WOULD TRY AND UNDER-MINE OUR PLANS.

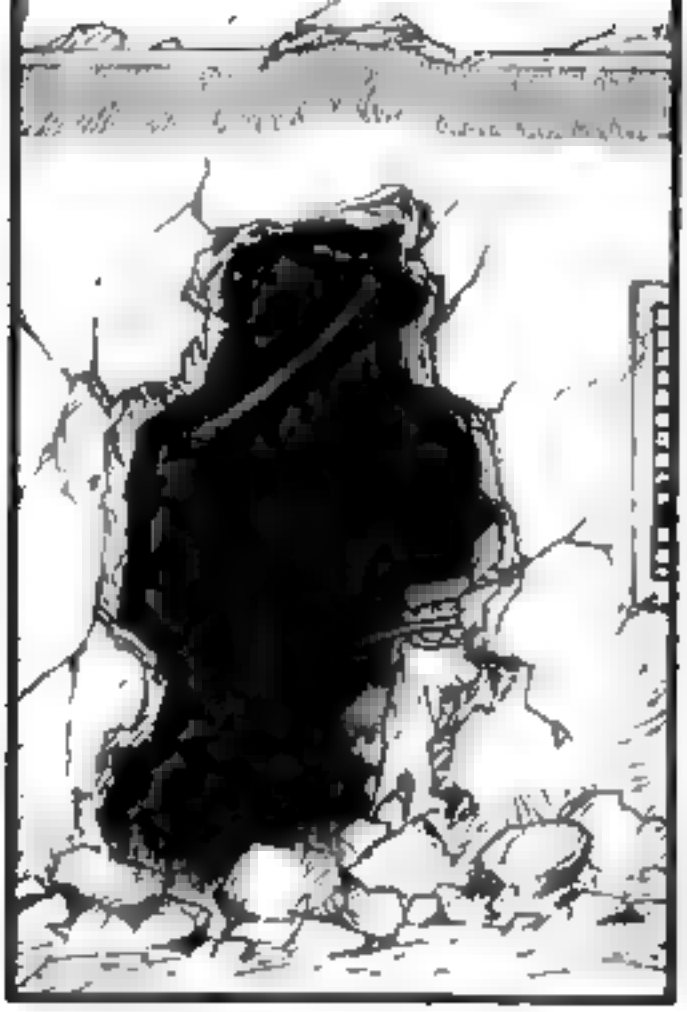
THE "CORE".


IT'S RIDICULOUS, DON'T YOU THINK?
AN UNUSUAL COURSE OF ACTION INDEED.
THE MILITARY FORCES ARE PLANNING TO USE ITS POWER TO DEAL WITH US.

THE FACT THAT KNIVES-SAMA PROBABLY THINKS I DON'T HAVE THE WILL TO CARRY OUT SUCH A THING...
IS A LITTLE SAD, ISN'T IT?

AFTER ALL...I HAVE THE "KEY" TO THE BOMB.
AND ONCE I ASCERTAIN THE FUTURE OF THIS PLANET WITH MY OWN EYES...I WILL USE IT.

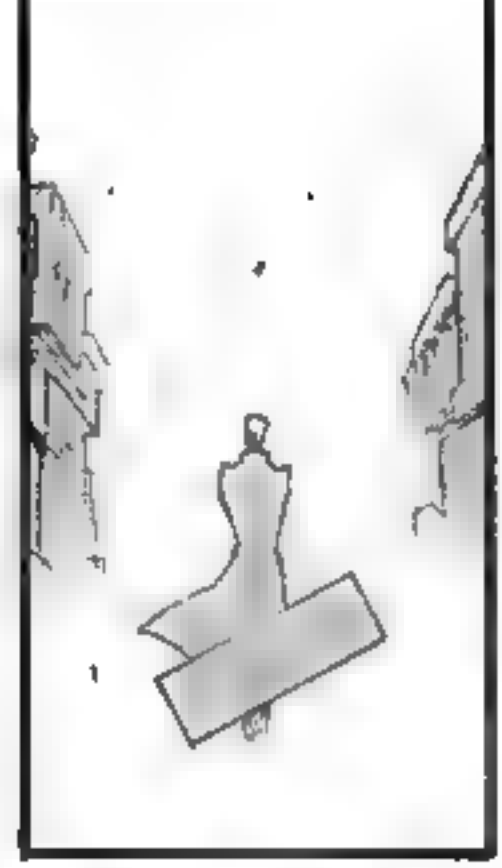
THAT KIND OF RECKLESSNESS WILL ONLY BRING THEM DOWN IN THE END. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT IT TO END THAT WAY, YOU SEE.
DESTROYING THEM BEYOND ANY RECOGNITION WILL JUST BE A MATTER OF COURSE.

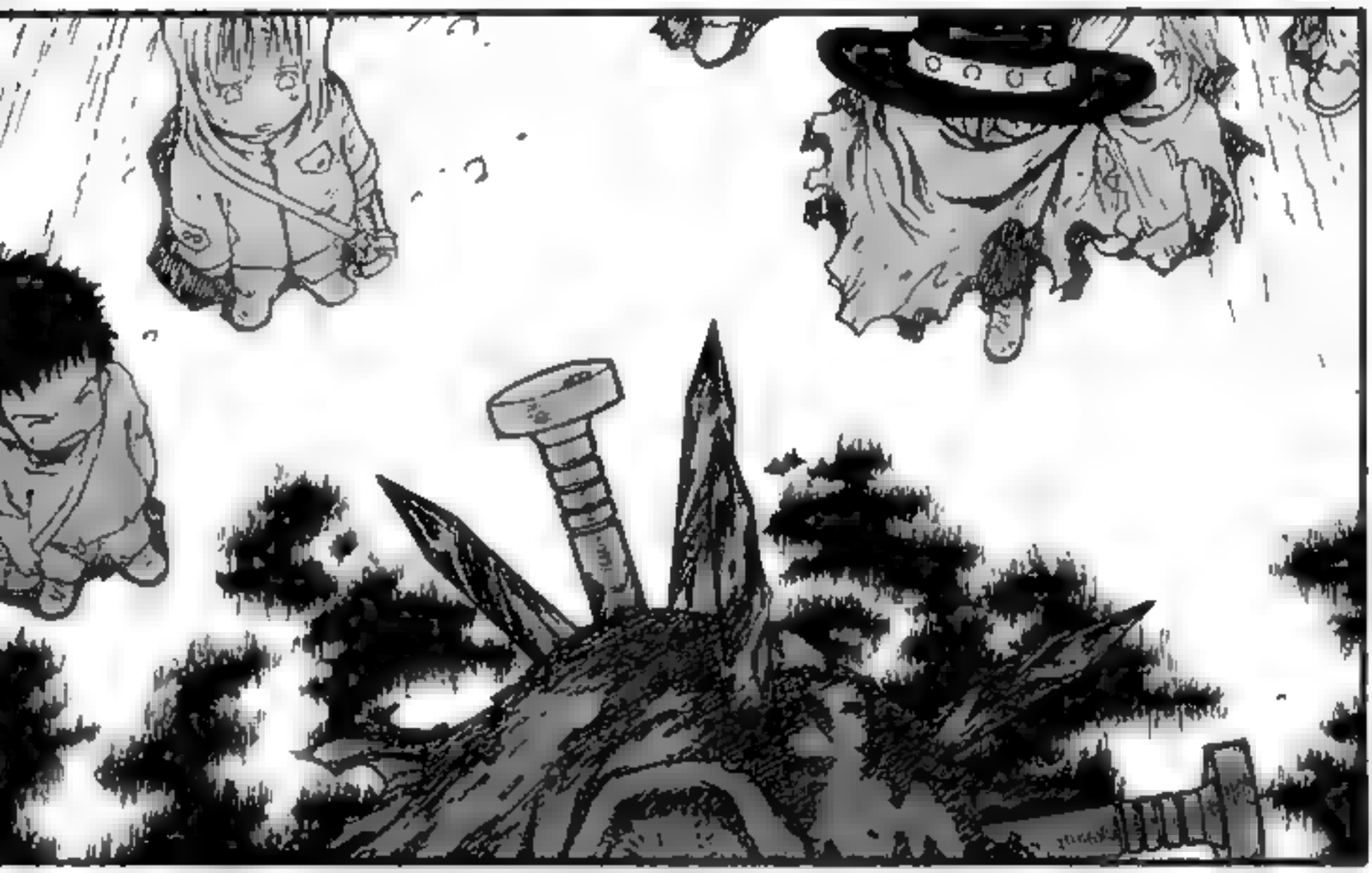


...HAS HE DIED ALREADY, I WONDER ?
HAVE YOU FINALLY UNDERS-
TOOD?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN MARKED FOR "TERMINATION" WILL ALWAYS TERMINATE IN THE END.

IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU THAT HE GOT INTO THAT ARGUMENT WITH ME, WAS THROWN THROUGH A WALL, AND IMPALED BY MANY SHARP OBJECTS.
ARGH... HONESTLY... WHY CAN'T THEY COMPREHEND SOMETHING SO SIMPLE?

PLEASE, BURY THAT MAN.
YOU CHILDREN...



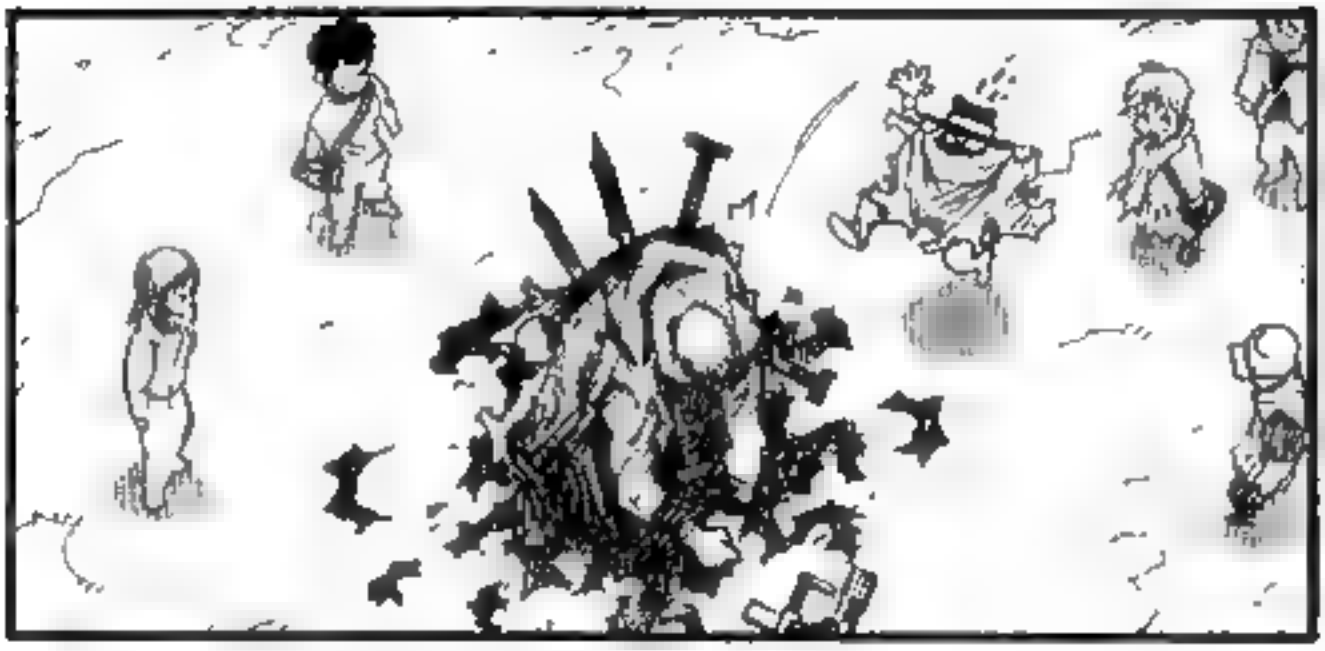


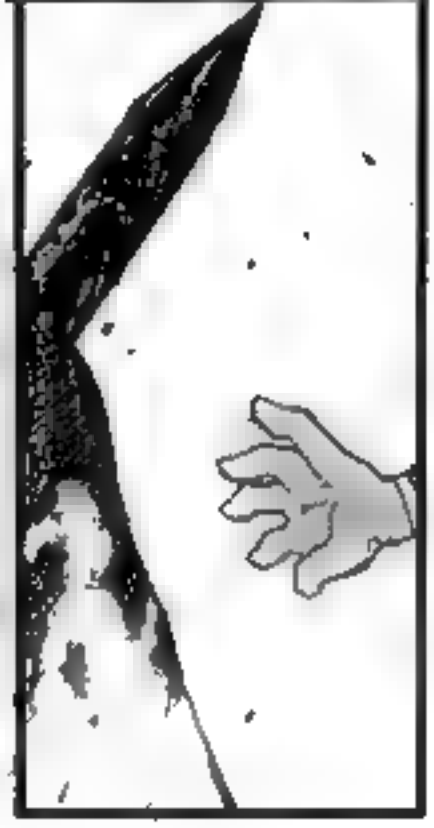
...DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, KIDS.

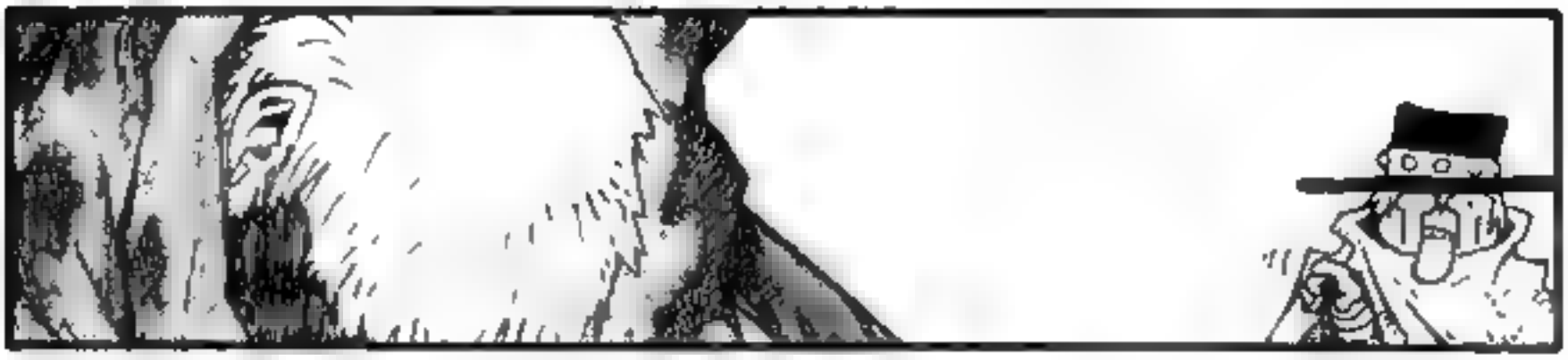
REALLY, I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY IF I SCARED YA..
SCARED?
YOU'RE PROBABLY ALL SCARED, BUT LISTEN TO ME FOR A SECOND.
BUT YOU GUYS ALL SAW THAT CHICK'S WEAPONS..
...SO...
I'LL BE OUTTA HERE SOON...
I FLEW THREW THE WALL OF THIS BUILDING LIKE IT WAS MADE OUTTA PAPER.
KUKU...
WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T GO OUTSIDE.
THE ONLY THING SHE'S AFTER IS ME, AND ME ALONE.
.....

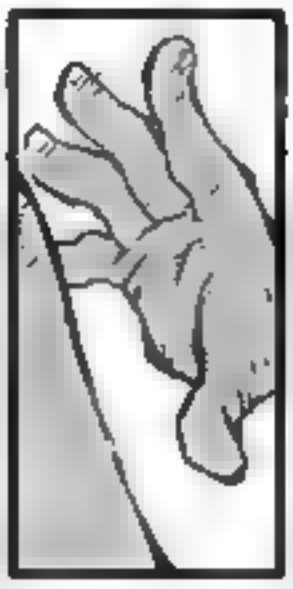
YOU LITTLE RASCALS ARE CUTE, YOU KNOW THAT?
I NEVER THOUGHT KIDS COULD BE SO CUTE BEFORE.

AH, SORRY.
DON'T LEAVE... DON'T LEAVE, I SAID!!









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OK, NOW...

HUH?

HU...

YOU KIDS...

..IS THAT SO.

I'M SORRY.

FOUND YA!

DON'T YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF GUARDIAN OR ADULT AROUND?

NOT AT ALL?

THEY DO!!

TODAY, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN. .YOU CAN'T BE RUNNING AROUND!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU WORRIED ME?!

THE "ARK"?!

WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU THINKING?!

WERE YOU ALL COMING OUT HERE TO SEE THE "ARK"?!

SO SOOORY

WE'RE SORRY, SIS. .

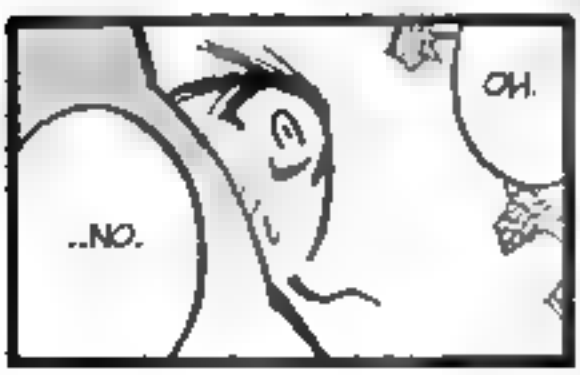
PLEASE FOR-GIVE US!!

EXCUSE ME.

AH.

.....?
UM. . IS.
..SOME-THING WRONG?

THE CHILDREN, THEY ..DIDN'T DO ANYTHING RUDE TO YOU, DID THEY?


OH.
..NO.

AND ISN'T THAT.
.BLOOD!?

EH!
WELL, ANYWAY .
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALRIGHT, WITH ALL THOSE...
JUST LOOK AT YOU!
OH!
I MEAN, I'M REALLY GLAD ..THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY HAD . SOMEONE, LIKE.
WOUNDS !?

BIG GUYS DON'T LIKE LITTLE THINGS, DO THEY ..

IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO, PLEASE TELL ME.

HEHEH, THAT MAYBE A LITTLE TOO SMALL..

I'M TOO BIG FOR SUCH A ..

HERE!

IF IT'S ALRIGHT .

UH.. UMM. .

AND I THOUGHT, IN THAT HUGE UPROAR, THAT I'D NEVER FIND THEM..

I MEAN...THE KIDS WERE LOST ..

I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THIS.

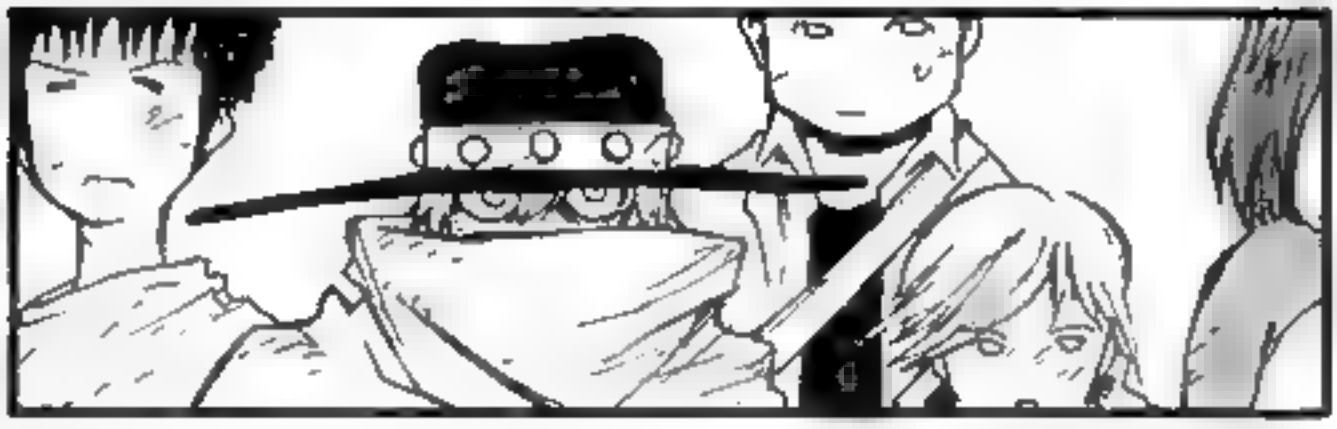
WELL THEN.

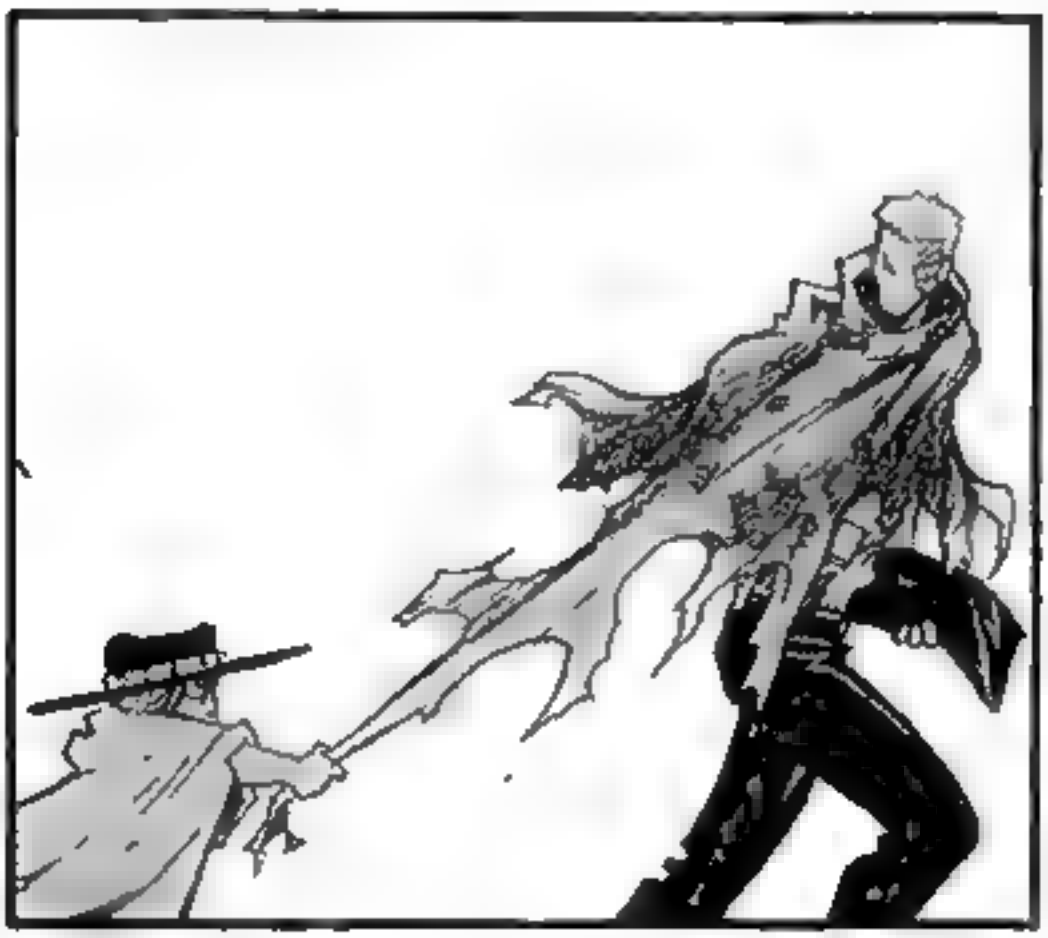
EXCUSE ME...THANK YOU.

WELL, THEN, IS EVE-RYONE

DOING WELL?

THEY JUST SAW A TERRIBLE THING, AFTER ALL.
HEY!!
WHERE'S YOUR MANNERS, HUH?!
NO USE, HUH...?





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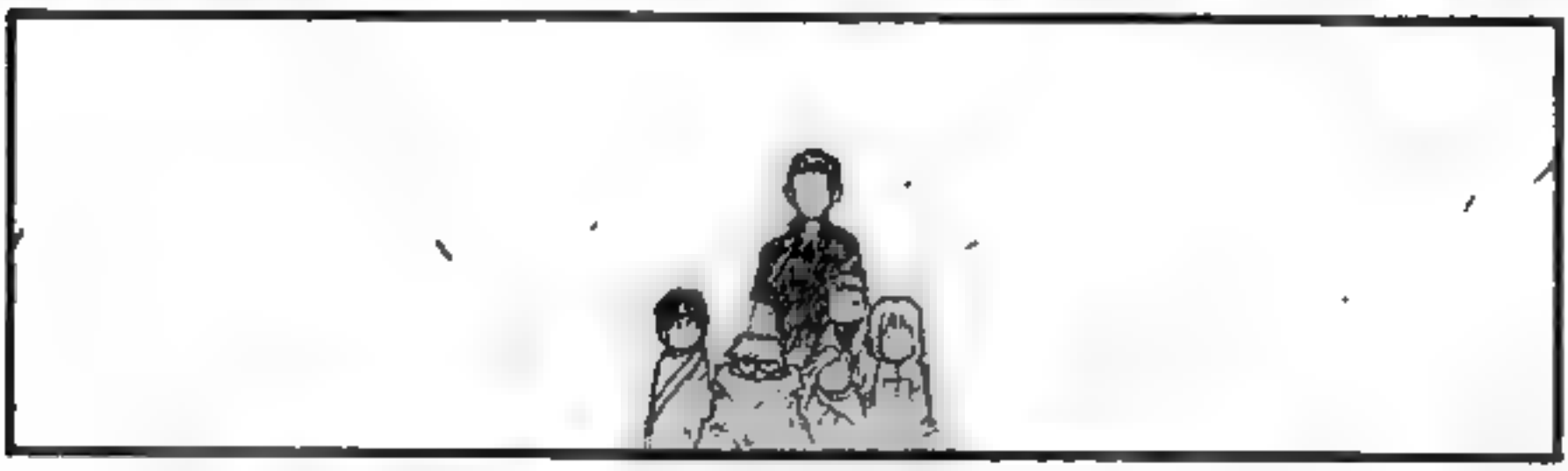
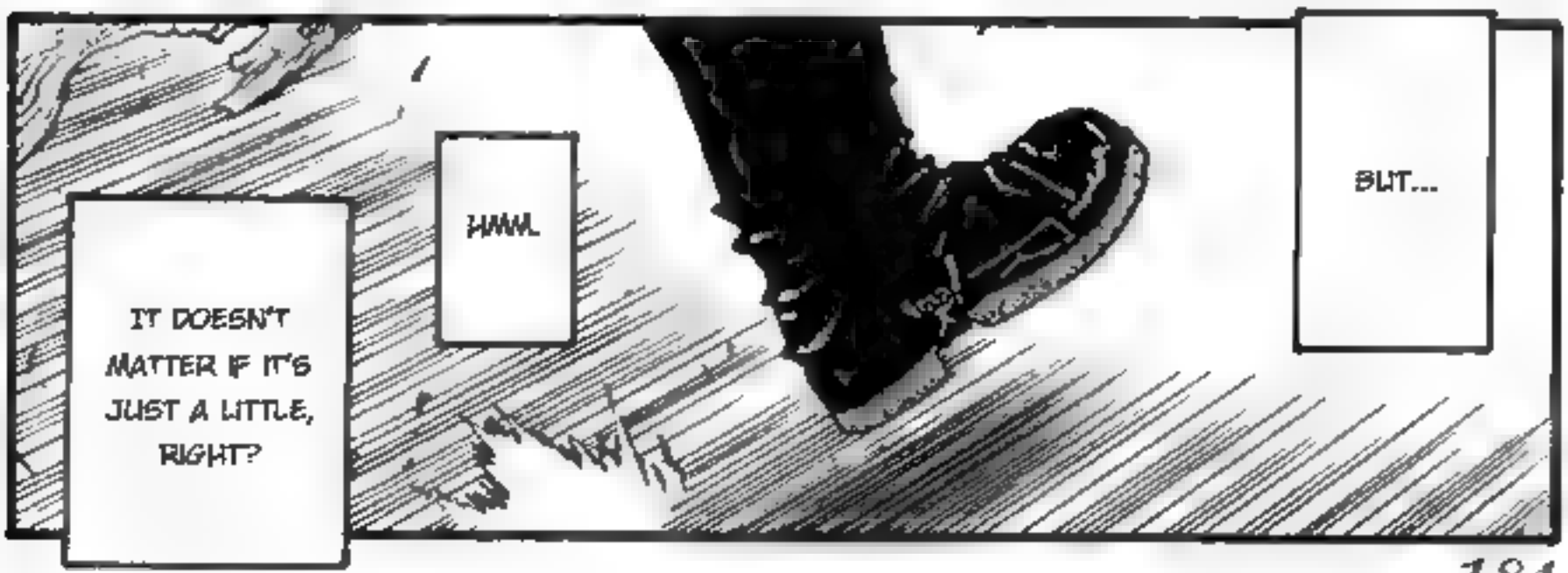
TO ME?!



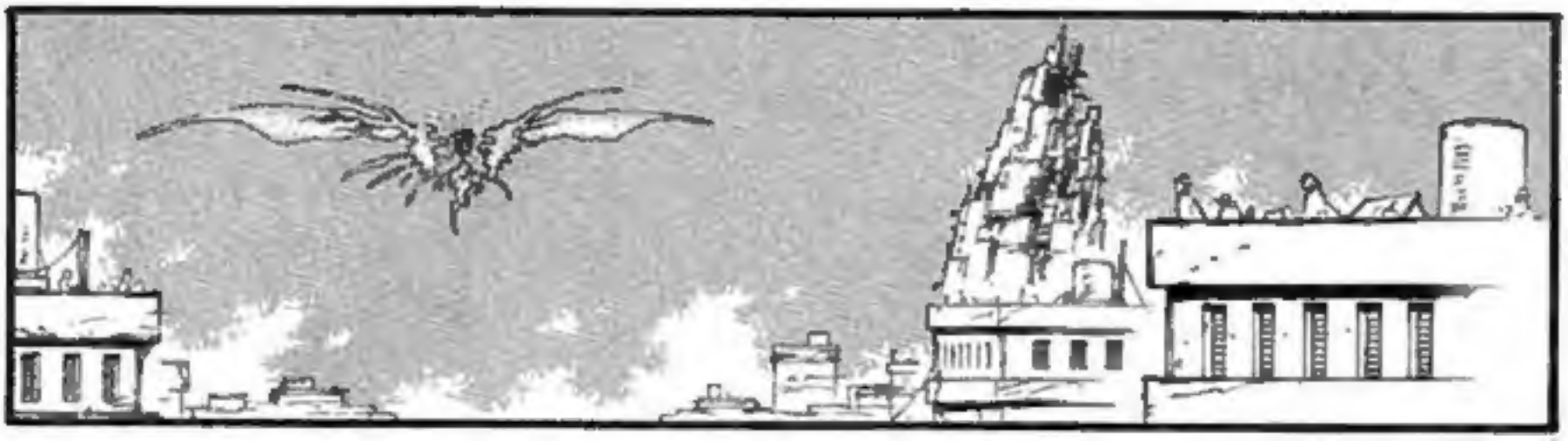
I'VE BECOME A LOT MORE LOOSE LATELY.
TO THINK THAT I'VE GOTTEN ALL THESE THINGS...
THEY REALLY GAVE ME TOO MANY GIFTS.

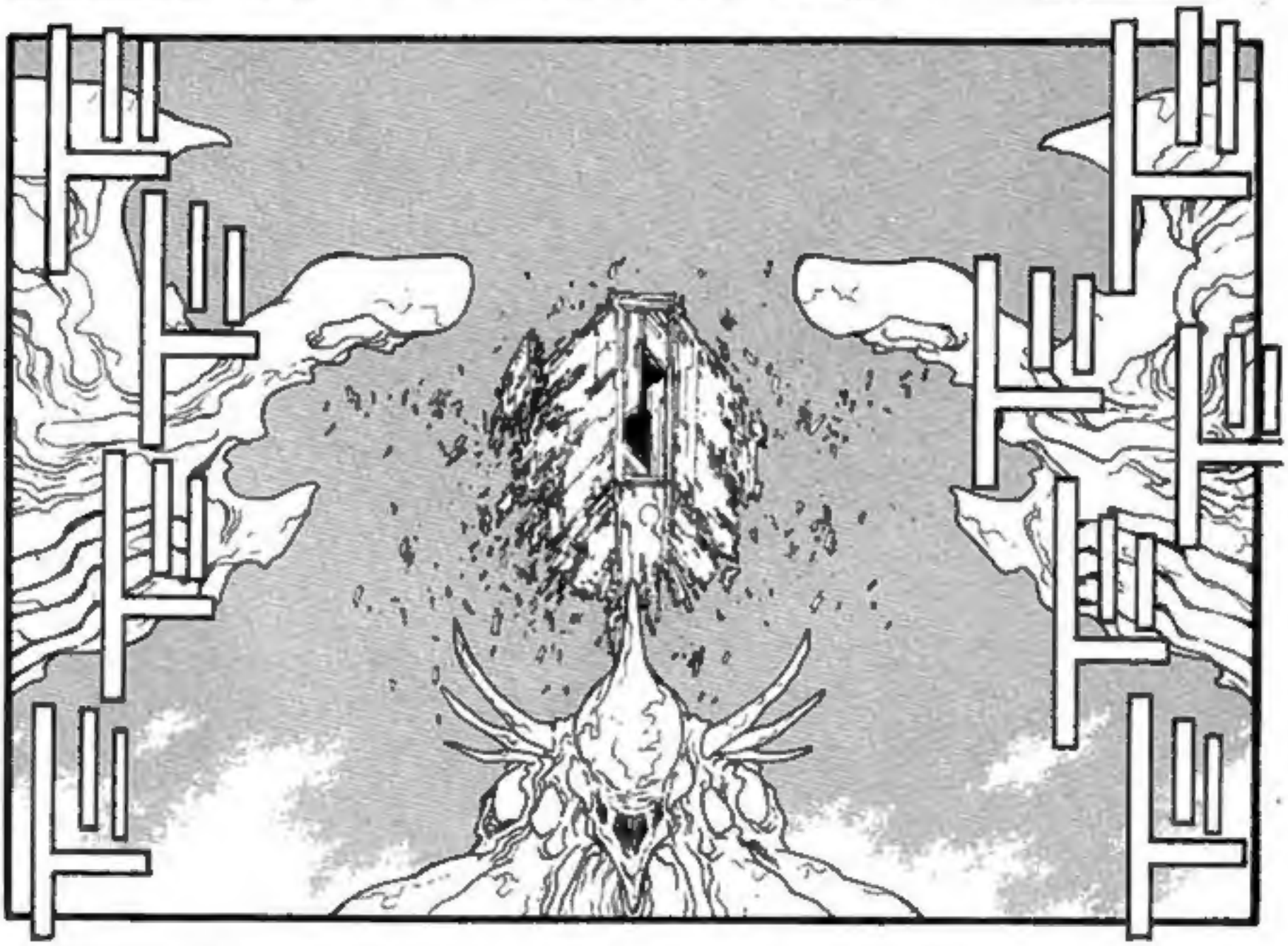

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE, RIGHT?
HMM.
BUT...

NOW, MORE THAN EVER...I CAN BE ASSURED THAT I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.

...YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD BE IN THERE.

TO THINK THAT OUT OF THOSE WHO I SWORE TO PROTECT...





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